As regards the Charter of Demands, the AINPEF may approach the appropriate Government (*i.e.* State Government under the said Act) for mediation if the parties fail to settle the matter.

Job opportunities in Ninth Plan

†1022. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set any target for creation of new opportunities of employment during the Ninth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the area-wise target of the additional opportunities of employment set to be created;

(c) whether the targets of creating employment opportunities in these areas were achieved; and

(d) if not, the areas where new employment opportunities were created indicating the area-wise number of the job opportunities created and the number of unemployed persons by the end of 2002 in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) The Planning Commission had projected annual employment growth on Usual Principal and Subsidiary Status (UPSS) basis at 2.44% during the Ninth Plan (1997—02) period.

(b) Area-wise projection of employment was not made in the Ninth Plan.

(c) and (d) As per the estimates available from labour force surveys carried out by National Sample Survey Organisation, employment has grown at the rate of approximately 1.00% per annum during 1994—2000. The total number of unemployed person during 1999-2000 was of the order of 9 million.

Skilled and Unskilled Labourers

†1023. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether any assessment has been made by Government in respect of the number of skilled and unskilled labourers in the country;

(b) if so, the estimated number of skilled and unskilled labourers in the country by the end of the year 2002;

(c) whether Government have set any programme to increase the number of skilled labourers in the Tenth Five Year Plan period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what would be the number of skilled labourers by the end of Tenth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) Skilled labour force was around 6—8 per cent of the total labour force of 406 million in the year 1999-2000.

(c) and (d) Improvement in the skill training of the work force is a continuous process. Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) introduce new Trades from time to time and discontinue the obsolete ones to keep pace with the changing pattern of demand for the skill in the Labour Market. Ministry of Labour has launched a special drive to expand vocational training facilities in the country by utilizing the available infrastructural facilities in recognized schools, polytechnics etc. in second shift.

Review Committee on functioning of ESI Corporation

1024. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Review Committee appointed by Government for functioning of Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has since submitted its report;

(b) whether aforesaid Committee has concluded that there is tremendous dissatisfaction with the scheme among the employees;

(c) if so, what remedial measures are being taken by Government;